Errata Redwood Maintenance Facility Relocation Environmental Assessment Redwood National and State Parks, California

These errata should be attached to the *Redwood Maintenance Facility Relocation Environmental Assessment and Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration* (EA), dated December 2004. They are intended to correct or clarify statements in the December 2004 EA and to address substantive comments on these documents received during the public review period as required under the National Environmental Policy Act. These errata together with the Finding of No Significant Impact and the EA describe the final decision of the National Park Service for the Redwood Maintenance Facility Relocation project.

Purpose and Need: The Purpose and Need in the EA (page I-3) described one of the purposes of the project as "restoration of natural resources at the Requa area, including those that contribute to traditional hunting and gathering values." The NPS reaffirms that action will be needed for those areas at the maintenance facility from which facilities are removed to restore more natural conditions that existed prior to construction of the military installation, but the restoration will be focused on restoring landform contours, ensuring that geological conditions at the site do not worsen or create new hazards to human health and safety, and removing invasive non-native plants. While the Requa site remains in NPS ownership, it will be managed under the statutes, policies, and guidelines applicable to management of national parks for protection of park resources. Hunting and gathering will continue to be prohibited in the national park.

Change in preferred alternative: Based on written and oral comments regarding the effects on nearby residences, rural character, and traffic related to locating the maintenance facility adjacent to Elk Valley Road, the NPS and CDPR changed the preferred alternative for the location of the new facility from the Elk Valley Road site (Alternative 2, EA, pages II-8 though II-12) to the Midway site (Alternative 3, EA, pages II-15 through II-17). The Midway site is located 1,000 feet from nearest residence and is screened from Elk Valley Road and from other residences by existing vegetation. The new structure will be designed to resemble residential structures rather than an industrial or commercial facility. Lighting will be the minimum needed for safety and security and will be shielded to reduce glare and effects on the night sky. The facility will be landscaped with native plants and additional vegetation will be planted to screen the structure from neighboring residences. The area of pavement will be reduced by using grassy swales and permeable vegetated surfaces, which will also reduce adverse effects on water quality from runoff into the unnamed intermittent tributary of Elk Creek.

Property boundary: At a public meeting on July 11, 2005, the owners of an adjacent parcel north of the project area commented that their property (APN 112-040-40) includes the creek that runs between project parcel (APN 112-020-52) and their parcel. Figures II-2, II-5, II-8, and III-1 of the EA show property boundaries in relation to the proposed development. The Del Norte County Book of Records (Book 504, pages 613 and 614, recorded April 7, 1999) describes the eastern boundary of parcel 112-040-40 as "...the center line of an unnamed creek; thence south 27 degrees 21 minutes 42 seconds east along said center line...." The parcel map filed in Del Norte County Book of Parcel Maps Book 5 page 96 on December 9, 1983 depicts the a portion of the northwest boundary for project parcel 112-020-52 as "N[orth] 26 degrees 57 minutes 56 seconds W[est] along creek...." The surveyor noted on the recorded parcel map for 112-020-52 that the "property line follows creek" and listed metes and bounds for the course of the creek.

The proposed action does not depend on the precise location of the boundary because the facility will be set back 125 feet from the creek. Any maps at an appropriate scale in future documents will be revised to indicate the correct property lines.

Water supply: The location and design of the new maintenance facility, and associated roads and utilities, at the Midway site will be as described in the EA on pages II-15 through II-17, although the setback from the unnamed tributary of Elk Creek will be increased from 100 feet to 125 feet due to the discovery of coho salmon in the tributary. There is a change from the description that appeared on page II-15 the EA for the water source for the new facility. Rather than connecting to the Bertsch-Ocean View Community Services District (BOVCSD) water supply via a 10-inch water pipe installed along approximately 2,400 feet of Elk Valley Road, and thence via a 6-inch pipe extending for 1,800 feet along Aubell Lane, water will be obtained from either the City of Crescent City or the BOVCSD via a pipeline across the Elk Valley Rancheria's Stary Ranch property adjacent to the Aubell property on the east. The NPS and CDPR will complete any planning and design and obtain any permits necessary to connect to the line at the boundary of the Aubell and Elk Valley Rancheria properties. The water source will serve only RNSP facilities and will not be available for any additional private residential development, and therefore, will not induce or facilitate population growth in the vicinity.

Coho Salmon: The EA stated on page III-9 that coho salmon were not present in the tributaries of Elk Creek in the project area. Following the close of the public review period for the EA on January 28, 2005, a carcass of a coho salmon was discovered upstream of the Elk Valley Road stream crossing and downstream of the Midway site on February 3, 2005 during a survey in the unnamed tributary of Elk Creek. The tributary is immediately adjacent to the Midway site (the selected alternative) and is crossed by Aubell Lane. Coho salmon that occupy Elk Creek are federally listed as threatened and state listed as endangered. The NPS submitted a biological assessment to NMFS on June 22, 2005 that described the project, potential effects of the project on coho salmon, and mitigation to avoid or reduce any adverse effects on coho salmon or coho salmon critical habitat. On October 27, 2005, NMFS issued Biological Opinion 151422SWR2003AR8948:BAD that documented its determination that the project is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of threatened Southern Oregon/Northern California Coastal coho salmon or result in the destruction or adverse modification of SONCC coho salmon critical habitat.

Consistency with county zoning and permitting requirements: Prior to purchase by the California State Parks in 1991, the Aubell property was zoned rural agricultural. After the EA was issued, it was determined that the parcels had been rezoned as state/federal parklands following the completion of 2003 Del Norte County General Plan and are not subject to County zoning and permitting requirements, so that a conditional use permit will not be required, as stated on page II-17 of the EA.

Cultural Resources: The Yurok Tribe indicated in a letter dated January 28, 2005 that determinations of eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places are made by NPS, not by the Yurok Tribe archeologist who conducted the cultural resource survey at Aubell under contract to NPS. The survey method involved shovel probes, not test pits as stated in the EA on page III-13. The Elk Valley and Smith River Rancherias were consulted regarding cultural landscapes at Aubell, not the Yurok Tribe as stated in the EA on page III-14.

Cultural resource research and investigations of the proposed project area and tribal consultations were conducted on two of the four parcels to be included in the boundary adjustment that places

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the Aubell site within the RNSP boundary (APN 112-020-51, 12 acres; 112-020-52, 17.8 acres). The other two parcels (APN 112-020-53, 9.6 acres; APN 112-020-54, 30.5 acres) were not included in the investigations. The latter parcel is adjacent to and may include cultural material associated with a recorded archeological site that is located outside of the project area on adjacent Elk Valley Rancheria property. No adverse effects to historic properties on any of the four parcels are expected from the boundary adjustment but any future ground disturbance will require surveys for the two parcels not covered in the initial investigations.

Mitigation Measures: In Appendix C, Table C-1, Special Status Species, Mitigation Measure No. 29 on page C-6 incorrectly gave July through September 15 as the dates during which limited daily operating periods for construction might be required if northern spotted owls were discovered after surveys of the Aubell construction area. The correct dates are February 1 through July 9.